

Cedar River Anadromous Fish Committee

Summary Minutes

March 16, 2006

Meeting Time 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Meeting Location:

**Metering Building, Second Floor Conference Room
SPU Operations Control Center
2700 Airport Way South
Seattle, WA**

Members and Alternates Present: Bruce Bachen (SPU), Steve Foley (WDFW), Frank Urabeck (Fish Advocate), Bill Robinson (Public), Chuck Wischman (PSA)

Other Participants: Pat Frazier and Joan Thomas, (WDFW), Julie Hall and Paul Faulds (SPU)

Public: *None*

Call to order

Bruce B. called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

Meeting minutes review and approval from December 15, 2005

Members unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

Interim mitigation program for coho, chinook and steelhead

Predation on Juvenile Chinook, Coho, & Steelhead in Lake Washington update on Year-1, and Growth, Distribution, and Abundance of Pelagic Fishes in Lake Washington

Using a PowerPoint presentation Dave Beauchamp (UW) briefed members on the fall and spring mid-water trawl and hydroacoustic work that has been done in Lake Washington from 2001 to the present and provided members with a progress report on the first year (2005) of a two-year study designed to evaluate predation on juvenile Chinook, coho, and steelhead in Lake Washington. Dave B. noted that Chris Sergeant (UW) was also present and was involved with the field work and data analysis.

Break

Interim mitigation program for coho, chinook and steelhead – continued

Funds remaining in program for 2006 – develop recommendation on whether any of the remaining funds should be allocated this year.

Bruce updated members on the funds remaining in the interim program for 2006 and suggested the AFC develop recommendation on whether any of the remaining funds should be allocated

this year. He reminded members that funding for the PIT tag readers at the Locks has been approved but there is still no funding recommended by the AFC for buying PIT tags for Cedar River fish.

Frank U. moved the AFC recommend spending up to \$10,000 of the \$26,000 remaining in the interim program for 2006 on PIT tags for the Cedar River fish. Chuck W. second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Sockeye Mitigation

Bruce B. noted the City of Seattle had received a 60-day notice from Toby Thaler of intent to sue under ESA on behalf of Roz Glasser. He provided copies to members.

Information and discussion items

Cedar River Counts

Steve F. stated that Karl Burton with SPU and Dave Smith with WDFW had floated the Cedar River twice surveying for steelhead and trout redds. On the first survey there were no counts and the second survey there were 2 or 3 trout redds.

Landsburg Fish Passage counts

Paul noted that between January 25th and March 13th 3 coho had passed above Landsburg, 5 large fish (species uncertain), and 70 trout.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.